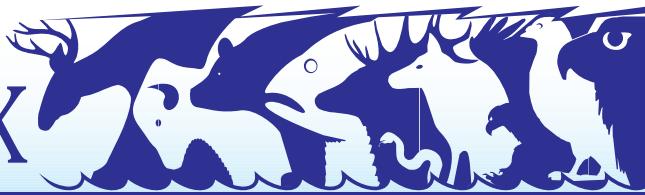


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Kijire Nagu: A 2003 General Council Resolution

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The 2003 General Council, which was held at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center on October 11, 2003, was the birthplace of the Ho-Chunk Nations' proposed healing center now called "Kijire Nagu", which means "Road to Helping Each Other Heal." Resolution 10-11-03 J: Healing Center for Addictions, presented by Roberta Decorah, was passed with 1048 votes for it, 294 against it, and 132 abstaining the proposed resolution.

On October 29, 2003, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature referred the resolution to its Administration Committee. There it sat, until the O'Connor Property, located near Eau Claire, was donated to the Ho-Chunk Nation in 2009 for the "specific purpose of treating social ills."

The Planning & Development Department began a three bid process to plan and build the Kijire Nagu building. Strollo Architects, based out of Florida, was selected and have since then presented a

Comprehensive Master Plan to complete the first of four phases of the Kijire Nagu Project. Director of Planning & Development, Carol Rockman, said, "The second phase is getting the land, to begin planning the facility layout on the actual grounds chosen, as well as the internal and external operational program design in place. The third phase will be the actual construction and hiring an administrator. And the fourth phase will be accepting clients into the program."

In May 2010, a Local Planning Committee was identified to design a program that would focus on the function within the culture and traditions of the Ho-Chunk Nation; consisting of key stakeholders from various Ho-Chunk entities. In June, 2010 they held their first meeting with great success. As part of the planning, the

committee began reviewing the referral and placement process for adults. The team is also designing short and long term treatment, as well as transitional and supportive programs. Strollo Architects credited the committee for "tremendous effort, knowledge, skill, and emotion in the trauma, substance abuse, and mental health fields."

The construction is slated to be at the Little Blackhawk property in Black River Falls, at the corner of Highway 54 and Brockway Road. Rockman said, "The property is still fee (but should be placed in trust)" and "ground studies need to be conducted before the site is finalized."

The Kijire Nagu facility has been planned to house and staff 32 beds, initially, and up to 160 beds for expansion. The tentative plan includes: staff members, administration,



Future site of Kijire Nagu Healing Center, in Black River Falls, at the corner of Highway 54 and Brockway Road.

big lodge building, female housing, male housing, family housing, cultural center (to include an amphitheater), and maintenance building (to include an on-site energy plant). Rockman added,

"Residential units will be separate (units) from the main building. The clients will be treated as outpatients and live in the village concept housing."

She continued, "An energy plant was added to offset utility costs. An energy firm will need to conduct an evaluation to find out which green energy source would suit the facilities needs."

The energy plant is a

separate project all in itself,

but presents the opportunity

for the Ho-Chunk Nation to

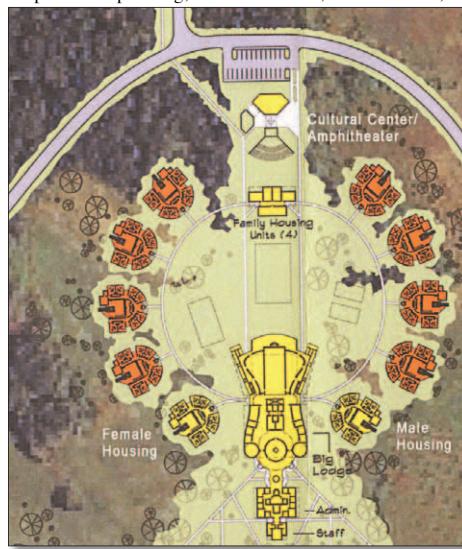
grow more "green."

The planning committee members have visited similar facilities in part of their research to meet the needs of the Ho-Chunk Nation. They went to Koinonia in Rhinelander, Wisconsin and Hazelton in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The visits were to find out what works and what doesn't work at these sites.

The committee's goal is to "incorporate modern interventions that can either support or be supported by the Ho-Chunk traditions."

Committee members also travelled to Washington D.C. to talk with Wisconsin Elected Officials to gain support for the project. To help move the project forward, they met with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to seek

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Proposed "village concept" of the Kijire Nagu property. Yellow buildings are initial structures, while Orange buildings are expansion structures.

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Letter to the Editor

Thinking ahead...Future goals

Submitted by
Ci nak hira kara

At a most recent trip to Winnebago, Nebraska, I had the privilege to visit with Ho-Chunk Inc. and tour the distribution center, a Native American tobacco and gasoline distribution company with over 25 tribes as customers. I also toured the Ho-Chunk Village; housing units run by their non-profit housing entity.

Most notable was the distinct roles that HCI and the Nation maintained. The Nation addressed low income housing through the federal funds received from Housing and Urban development while the non-profit addressed the middle income and the upper income, income derived from the incorporation.

I toured the single family homes on fee simple land, the

new construction of homes, the infrastructure expansion – roads and curbs, utilities and finally the apartment complexes.

I would like to think this all happened with one starting point for HCI, the future, and those who believe in the beauty of dreams to envision the possibilities. It started with a ten year strategic plan that involved the people, your

neighbor, your brother, sister, mother, father, grandfather and grandmother.

The key to success is the governance that encompasses assets, opportunities and finally direction (strategic priorities). What else goes along with success, sovereignty (general self-rule), and effective institutions of self governance, cultural match, strategic orientation,

and finally leadership.

This leads to personal goals like joining the armed services, starting your own business, learning to drum, running a 5K, buying a home, or finding new ways to relax. Life has many opportunities whether you're starting your first job or even starting a family.

Just ask yourself, "What do I do next?"

Jaagu Hirare?

Commentary by
Sanford LittleEagle

For over a year, many have waited for the release of the movie, "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1". Although there was a midnight showing, I didn't have to be "carried away" and go to the late night showing to see the opening. Instead I got up at 6am and traveled to Ho-Chunk Cinema in Tomah for an 8:30am showing in support of my Chuzhunk's Birthday Party. I even sat through torment having to hear all the ladies talk in the air about Jacob and his muscles. Yes, the movie is rated PG-13 with disturbing images, violence, and you know the rest. My henu sat with a scarf over her face while a two minute frenzy took place (for grown-up eyes only). If you haven't seen the movie yet, or just don't care, it's either "I can't wait to see part 2" or "that's what I waited for?"

As another opening weekend of the Wisconsin Gun Hunting Season took place, many freezers are now stocked and some still await a Cuunge or Hiica to stop by and drop off a hind quarter. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources say hunters killed 112,581 deer over the opening weekend. That's up 5.6 percent from 106,404 deer taken over opening weekend last year. My HoCak Hap and Christmas Dinner meals are safe; plan on serving Caa a few different ways from Sunday now.

While some were up before dark and headed into the woods, others made their way to the Chicago pow-wow held at the Navy Pier. That sounded like real fun

until I read the flyer that said \$18 for a weekend pass for admission, \$10-15 for parking, and don't forget about gas there and back. I didn't even want to think of what a room would've cost for two nights, especially in that area; Priceless huh? Congratulations to some of the Ho-Chunk Winners I heard about: Calista Stumblingbear, Anasazi Lucero, Jaden "Hurricane" Collins, and I heard one of them Brinegar galz won too! Angie Hindsley, Charlie Hindsley, David Cleveland, and Hank & Cheryl Funmaker. Some of our Ho-Chunk drums made their way to the pow-wow too such as Little Thunder, Bear Claw, and Ho-Chunk Station. The emcee, Mark Denning, had wondered if all of Black River was in Chicago for the pow-wow as they called off winners.

If you haven't already noticed, there are new signs (excuse me, Marquees) being put up at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, Nekoosa and Wisconsin Dells. Moses Cleveland made mention, "Are we the only Nation who will put a white goose feather on our casino signs?" When asked if that was an Eagle feather I said it was a sacred Goose Feather (LOL) and directed them to ask Mozez.

Please remember to put some zura on your gas and electric bills too! That should be easy with a Christmas bonus coming soon. On December 6, the Legislature will ratify \$150 for our tribal Elders, Adult tribal members to receive \$100, Youth \$75, and our Employees \$100. Thank you Ho-Chunk Nation.

With that said, another percap month has come and gone and hopefully that will round out our Holidays. All one can hope for is a safe winter season, a warm one would be good, so make sure to check your tires and get some new ones so you ain't riding around on baloney skins.

This time of the year can be very stressful so please do not forget to winterize your vehicle (among many other things on your list), before the snow falls and doesn't go away until springtime. Most Front Wheel Drive autos, you

do not need to buy and place sand bags in your car. For those of you with Rear Wheel Drive, start off with 50Lbs and either go up or down for traction tests in your drive way. And if New Tires are not in the budget get some used tires and check for tread depth that is important in winter driving tires and new brake pads. Yeah who says winter is fun. Make sure all your fluids are topped off when leaving your home. Check your Radiator, Oil, Power Steering, and Transmission Fluid and get some batteries for your flashlight, and throw some

jumper cables in the trunk too. Talking about winterizing... how about that Christmas shopping? Nerf, Leap Frog, iPod, X-Box, Wii, and DS games are still the top choices for Christmas Presents this year. Don't spend all your zutes on several big ticket priced toys. Get one big gift and a few other toys and clothes they can use until spring (Next per-cap AYE!). What about Holiday Greeting Cards? You got addresses? I promise to send some this year, just got to remember to mail them this time. Hahaha...I mean HoHoHo!

ATTENTION 2011 Tax Document Information that may affect you.

Greetings to all,

Please review the check list below and make sure that you have completed all items that are relevant to your situation.

- You will need to complete a new Form W-4 and/or WT-4 if your withholding allowances have changed. These forms are available online at: ho-chunknation.com under Treasury.
- If you claimed exempt status on your federal Form W-4 or your state form WT-4 you are required to complete a new form for 2012 by Feb. 15, 2012.
- Check the address that prints on your payroll check or direct deposit advice. Be sure to update your address with the Personnel Department.
- 1099's will be printed using the address verification supplied to the Enrollment Department.

There is a \$5.00 charge for EACH COPY of the W-2 or 1099-M to be reprinted.

It is very important to make sure your current address is printed on your payroll check, per-cap check or direct deposit advice.

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Kijire Nagu:

grant money. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature recently approved a Request for Proposal for the fine tuning portion of the operational program design. Rockman said, "We'll look to private firms, Universities, Native Nations in Wisconsin and Minnesota for help with the internal and external design."

When the doors open, Kijire Nagu will offer healing programs into a fully functional system of care. Rockman concluded, "Groundbreaking is at least two years away."



ATTENTION

What LogistiCare is responsible for in Wisconsin

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Starting July 1, 2011 LogistiCare is responsible for managing non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services for Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members. This new non-emergency medical transportation management system will affect most of the members enrolled in the following programs: WI Medicaid, Family-Planning Only Services, BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan, Tuberculosis-Only Services, Express Enrollment for Pregnant Woman, and members enrolled in state-contracted managed care organizations (MCOs) who receive NEMT services on a fee-for-service basis (e.g., Children Come First). Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members enrolled in an HMO will also receive NEMT services through LogistiCare. That includes WI Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus members who are enrolled in an HMO in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, Kenosha, & Racine counties.

All trips must be pre-

arranged and confirmed by LogistiCare. Please be aware that LogistiCare cannot arrange non-emergency Medicaid transportation for members who reside in a nursing home or are enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan, the BadgerCare Plus Basic Plan, or SeniorCare. However, Core and Basic Plan members may also be enrolled in Family-Planning Only Services and may receive NEMT to covered family planning services.

Key Terms and Telephone Numbers

Key terms:

A standing order is a regularly reoccurring (three or more times per week, for 3 or more months' duration) reservation for transport to a Medicaid billable service. For example, Monday, Wednesday and Friday transport to and from dialysis.

A demand response trip is a less frequent, episodic trip. For example, a trip to and from the doctor next Wednesday.

866-907-1493 is the **reservation number** that members, their families/care givers or medical providers call Monday — Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. to reserve a demand response trip for the

member. Except for hospital discharges and urgent trips, all trips must be pre-arranged 2 business days in advance. The two business days includes the day of the call but not the day of the appointment. For example, call on Monday by noon for an appointment on Wednesday. Urgent and discharge trips can be called in 24 by 7. Hospital discharge planners can call this number to schedule a discharge.

866-288-3133 is the

reservation number for **deaf or hearing impaired** members.

866-907-1494 is the **"Where's My Ride?"** number that case managers, social workers and members (or their families/care givers) call concerning a service issue. For example, if transportation is late dropping off or picking up the member.

866-907-5194 is the main number for our Operations Center in Madison.

866-907-5195 is the fax number for the Madison Operations Center.
<https://facilityinfo.logisticare.com/wifacility> is the LogistiCare website with documents and more information about arranging NEMT services for Medicaid & BadgerCare Plus members.



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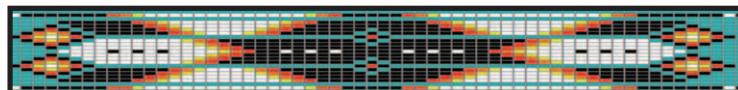
Wahooceekigra Daycare in Tomah is now accepting applications for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Wahooceekigra Daycare is a Hoocak Language Immersion daycare located in Tomah, WI with the sole purpose of preserving our Native Hoocak Language by creating fluent speakers.

We are open Monday through Thursday, 7 AM to 5 PM.

To obtain an application, please contact Wahooceekigra Daycare at 608-372-5060 or request by email joyce.warner@ho-chunk.com.

The deadline for applications to be received at Wahooceekigra Daycare is December 9, 2011. All applicants will go through the interview process. A selection of 4 applicants will be made from the interviews. Parent involvement with the Ho-Chunk Language will determine placement in the daycare.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Dec. 9th which will be published on Dec. 16th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



NOTICE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

We are seeking approximately 400 participants to complete a 15-20 minute Community Health Survey. You must be an enrolled tribal member, be 18 years or older, and reside within the 15 counties in Wisconsin, as defined by Indian Health Services, where Ho-Chunk Health Department services are currently available. This information will be used to complete a Community Health Assessment and will then be used to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan. All information gathered is confidential and will have no identifying markers to anyone.

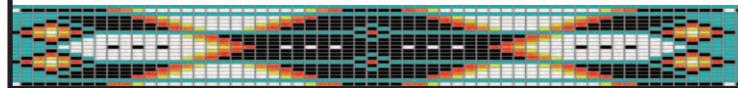
The information gathered will be used to evaluate current services and plan future health programs. By completing this survey we hope to achieve the following objectives:

- Identify individual communities health needs
- Identify access to health care in each community
- Link socioeconomic factors to the health in each community
- Evaluate current health care services
- Plan programs for the future to ensure more comprehensive health care

You will have an opportunity to learn about existing health programs, win prizes, and give us your valued input on the direction our health department should take in planning for the future. We will be conducting a Health Fair in each of the 6 Ho-Chunk communities where we will be offering a meal and a \$30.00 Gift Card to all tribal members who complete the survey.

We know your time is valuable, but please take an hour or two to join us in an evening of "community spirit" and share your opinions with us and help us to evaluate our programs. Our Health Programs are meant to serve you, your family, and your community! We need your help in planning for health services for you, your family, and for your community in the future!

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For more information contact Louise Voss at 715-284-9851 ext 5053



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Our own, Ho-Chunk version of “dancing with the stars”

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

On Veteran's Day, November 11, I ran into an elder of ours at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Flag Raising Ceremony, by the name of Dolly Bigjohn. As always, she was participating as a back-up singer alongside her daughter Mary, whom you can hear for miles away with her beautiful canary voice.

Every time I see Dolly it puts a smile on my face because she's always joking around or laughing about something while getting a quick smoke in, and trying to get the scoop on the latest current events. It has been nice to see Dolly in such good spirits because back in 2010, Dolly was in a head on collision near her home in Wittenberg as she was making her way home from the casino. Dolly suffered several injuries, which included bruises and some broken bones. Dolly was in a wheelchair for some time, and it took a little while for her to heel completely; not allowing her to scrub on the side of the arena of the powwows she since has attended. To make matters even more trying for Dolly, that same year several tornadoes came through Wisconsin and her home was one of many that suffered from damages.

Now that she's had time to recover and get those bones strong again, she's back doing what she likes to do best (well one of them anyway), which is dancing! Not just any ol' dancing, but the good old Ho-Chunk applique style of dance.

So as we caught up with one-another on our November 11 meeting, the subject came up about a couple different Veterans powwows that were taking place the next day on the twelfth. We both knew about the Navy Pier powwow in Chicago but that was too far. There was also one taking place in Oneida that weekend that we knew of and heard there may have been one up in LCO. But, we were both heading to Wausau. We both also heard of a scrub special that was taking place there and she said she was going to participate. Of course this made me jokingly scratch my face, point at her and say, "Good, I'll see you there...it's gametime!" as if it was a do or die situation.

So as my children and I finally get the right directions off the navigator and find the powwow, there she is in her applique dress, giving me a mean competitive look (mean mugging me) and ready to dance. Like an old veteran, she was ready to go. As for me I was rushing around carrying

in bags, feather boxes, and still trying to find out where to sit and it was fifteen minutes to grand entry. Yikes! I guess they don't know about Indian time. Just kidding; about the mean mugging.

As the pow-wow got under way and things calmed down for me, the gathering proved to be pretty nice, and it just got better. The group that put on the powwow sponsored several different specials and one of them that I can still vividly remember was the two-step contest. Not only was it fun to watch these different couples go out and show off, but one couple I really enjoyed watching was Dolly Bigjohn and her twelve year old great-grandson, Kay-Chunk-Hoonek (which sounds just how it is spelled), meaning King Turtle.

There were others out there that looked good but my eyes and many other eyes were focused on Dolly and her great-grandson. It was impressive to see Dolly out in the arena showing us younger ones how to do it. On October 2, Dolly's family threw her an 80th birthday party. You wouldn't guess that Dolly was 80 years old by the way she was giving 'er out there, and you definitely couldn't tell that she was a recent victim of a head on collision.

As the song started, 12 year



Ho-Chunk tribal elder Dolly Bigjohn and her great-grandson Avery Estes put a smile on many faces as they two-step for the grand prize.

old Avery Estes (Dolly's great-grandson, and son to Lacy Bigjohn), grabbed onto Dolly's arm and danced her to one side of the arena. She then began to scrub, turning left and right, as Avery danced all he had in the four directions around her. Once he made the last direction, he grabbed Dolly's arm and they two-stepped to another spot of the arena and did it again. It was a site to see. Although they did not get in the top three places, the expression they showed on their faces showed they enjoyed themselves.

As I looked around, I was not the only one with a smile

on my face watching these two dance. Besides dancing, Avery also likes skateboarding, being a good big brother to his five brothers and two sisters, getting good grades, playing football, and attending Native American Church Services. "He's already conducted prayer services/devotions at a young age," said his gaga Mary. Keep up the great work Avery and continue to be a good role model for your brothers and sisters. And Dolly, keep up your humor, good health, and love for the Heduska way! I sure hope I'm in such good shape and health at age 80.

Wisconsin Dells Area Ho-Chunk Youth share with their peers

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

November is National Native American Heritage Month. On November 18, 2011, the Wisconsin Dells area Youth Services organized exhibitions of song and dance for the Wisconsin Dells School District. The group performed at Neenah Creek, Wisconsin Dells High School, Lake Delton and Spring Hill Elementary.

Youth participants included: Zoe Fess, Alyssa Cranfield, Trinity DeCora, Cyrus Stanley, Neola Walker, Cheyenne Mike, Myshell Mike, Alicia Bear, Justine Rusha, Alyssa Boivin, Abigail Johnson, Shyeyenna Leonard, and Angel Logan. The singers included Cory Funmaker, Corey Hindsley, Terrance

Cleveland, Delano Clevealnd, Bob Morris, and emcee for the day was Evan Logan.

Cyrus Stanley, a grass dancer, was the only male dancer able to make the performances throughout the day. The female dancers made a showing; demonstrating Ho-Chunk applique, jingle, and fancy shawl dancing.

The first exhibition was held at Neenah Creek located in Briggsville, Wisconsin, in front of an estimated 100 children ranging from Kindergarten through fifth grade students. The big performance of the day was at the Wisconsin Dells High School with Middle and High School students present for this exhibition.

Lance Tallmadge, the

Native American Student Services Coordinator for the Wisconsin Dells School District, introduced the group and said, "The native students of the school district are here to share their culture as well as their individual talents."

The group made their special appearance by dancing on beat through a grand entry, demonstrating their individual dance style, and the girls exhibited how graceful the swan dance is. After going through the categories, Evan Logan rallied the crowd by asking them, "Are you a CHIEF?!" After the crowd hooted and hollered, they were ready for more excitement. It was time for student participation with the two-step and an intertribal. The bleachers nearly cleared out with the thunder of

footsteps when intertribal dancing began.

The afternoon performances were held at the Lake Delton

and Spring Hill Elementary School. Great job to all of the participants and showing others how we do it!



Tommy Lee, Native flute maker and flutist, and Emcee Evan Logan.



The Two-Step gets the crowd involved.



Cyrus Stanley grass-dancing at Neenah Creek.



Singers include: Cory Funmaker, Bobby Morris, Delano Cleveland, Terrance Cleveland, and Corey Hindsley.

Surveying and seeding in Sumner

Submitted by Anne Thundercloud – HCN Public Relations Officer

Representatives of Ho-Chunk Nation, Town of Sumner officials and local high school students gathered on November 12 to survey newly identified effigy mounds and to help restore natural prairie through seeding the site of the largest historic Ho-Chunk village near Lake Koshkonong.

Jay Toth, archaeologist from the Ho Chunk Nation Department of Heritage Preservation Cultural Resources Division, described of the mounds, which are estimated to have been created about 1,000 years ago.

The mound survey took

place on an old farm just outside Busseyville in Jefferson County.

Following the survey, Toth led the group to the prairie seed planting at Carcajou Park where the Town of Sumner Parks Committee distributed prairie flower seeds to sprinkle on the grounds. Carcajou Park, surrounded by a residential area, lies on a site which served as a gathering place and pow-wow grounds for Ho-Chunks up until the 1890s. This area, named after a Ho-Chunk chief, was known as White Crow's Village. The site of significance to the Ho-Chunk people is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Archeologist Jay Toth

described the landscape to the group and provided history which he demonstrated through an old photo of a young boy at the former pow-wow grounds.

"There were 1200 people living here," Toth told the group, "you're looking at the biggest Ho-Chunk village in the state...an 8,000 year old continuous habitation site and also a pow-wow grounds."

From the Department of Heritage Preservation

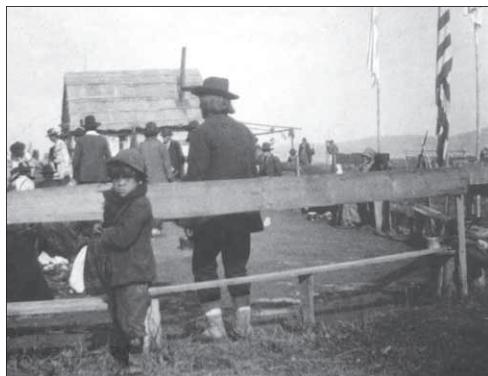
Carcajou point was the site of the largest Historic Ho-Chunk village. There were Pow-wows still held at the south end until the late 1890's. An old photo shows a young boy named Indian Joe attending the pow-wow. He is buried in the Kirby's family plot at Busseyville cemetery. Indian Joe's family like other Ho-Chunk families continued to camp the woods of the local farms in and around Carcajou point.

But by the time that the pow-wows ceased full scaled impacts to the site began. Numerous burials and mounds have been destroyed. In 1989 housing development began along the shore line and is nearly complete. Most of these development lots contain archaic and Oneota components and burials.

The current threat is the development of the White Crow village area proper. The Town board has approved 15 lots on the north end of Kelly's land which contained



Fort Atkinson High School Environmental Club and Edgerton High School students from aided UW- Milwaukee archeologist Kira Kaufman (TITLE OR ORGANIZATION SHE REPRESENTS) in surveying.



A young boy stands outside the pow-wow arena- the site where the students spread the prairie seeds near Lake Koshkonong.

the former mound sites.

The southern end of Kelly's land where the pow-wows were once held is covered by the Hunt Club lease which prohibits above ground construction. The development strategy is to build a sewage lagoon in this area and connect all the new development houses to this system. This system will then allow for an additional

15 lots to the current approve 15. Currently Realtors are marketing the land for its tax exemption which only encourages development.

If the current development plan is permitted, all of the Carcajou Point Historic site will be destroyed. This important Ho-Chunk site will forever be lost to future generations of Ho-Chunk and the American Public.

Ho-Chunk Nation delegation defends federal funding formula

Submitted by Anne Thundercloud – HCN Public Relations Officer

A Ho-Chunk Nation delegation headed by President Jon Greendeer recently attended the Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico November 8th and 9th. The main topic of discussion involved future funding of Tribal roads, BIA roads and access roads to fee parcels, trust parcels and reservations.

According to the Ho-Chunk Nation BIA Roads Department, the current funding program SAFETEA LU expired in 2009 and has been operating under continuing resolutions since that date. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Highway Administration have proposed funding formula changes to SAFETEA LU that would reduce funding to smaller tribes and tribes without defined reservation

boundaries.

"The United States Senate has also passed unanimously out of the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee a new funding program that would replace SAFETEA LU, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act or more commonly referred to as MAP-21," Jon Schrader of HCN BIA Roads explained.

MAP-21 calls for several changes to the way that Tribal Transportation Program funding is calculated. MAP-21 puts more of an emphasis on tribal population as computed under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and less importance on Tribal roads, BIA roads and other access roads added to the Indian Reservation Roads Inventory before October 1, 2004, Schrader added.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation, namely Rep. Greg Littlejohn, has been leading the charge

to lessen the effect of these proposed funding formula changes by proposing alternatives to the IRRPCC that would allow all tribes to take advantage of the Indian Reservation Roads Program," said President Greendeer.

Those accompanying President Greendeer to represent the Nation's interests were District 5 Legislator Greg Littlejohn and District 1 Legislator Douglas Greengrass and Department of Housing, BIA Roads Division employees Jon Schrader and Brett Blackdeer. Blackdeer was designated the alternate representative for the Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee Midwest Region by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature earlier this year and accepted by the IRRPCC in August.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation will fight to maintain funding levels for tribal roads, BIA roads and access routes to fee and trust parcels. The Nation will also continue



(L-R) Jon Schrader, Tom Springer, President Jon Greendeer, District 5 Legislator Greg Littlejohn and District 1 Legislator Douglas Greengrass made the trip to Albuquerque to represent Ho-Chunk Nation.

to work with the Wisconsin Congressional members in Washington, D.C. and local elected and highway officials to advocate for a Tribal Transportation Program that treats all tribes equitably."

President Greendeer said, "it is my constitutional duty to represent the Ho-Chunk Nation on all matters that concern its interests and welfare."

J's Serenity Spa

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Women Are You Tired Of Your "Look"? Prepare to get your game right; not later, not next week, but now. It's only a hop, skip and jump away for many tribal members in and around the Tomah area.

New Business Owner Jody Greendeer has done it; she has made her dream a reality. Jody has gone through all of the pain and agony of late night studying, early morning classes, and crossing that line to success. Not only did it take hard work and dedication, but Jody also had to work hard while taking care of her family, work, and childcare. She got her education that has now provided her with a career and sets the pace to be the "Boss".

Growing up in BlueWing Village, Jody graduated from Tomah High School. She then went to school at the Salon Professional Academy in Onalaska, WI. Having two years experience in skin care and ten years in ear candling, currently, Jody is a self-employed Aesthetician at J's Serenity Spa LLC located in the Wellness Center with

Lynda Robinson-Certified Zone Therapist and Jessica Hollis-Massage Practitioner.

There are many ways to pamper yourself and take care of your skin at J's Serenity Spa. Jody specializes in Bioelements and Satin Smooth skin care. There are a few varieties of body treatments such as the Back Buff, an exfoliating cleansing treatment; Herbology Body Polish, a warming massage that also exfoliates, softens and nourishes your skin; along with Mud Therapy, Cryothermic Cellulite Treatment and Express aroma Therapy.

Like any spa, there are several services available to get your money's worth on facials, body treatments, ear Candling, and Waxing. Combine any \$30 or more services and receive \$10 off, buy 3 of the same services and get one free, "20% off" Gift Cards during Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Birthdays (w/ID).

Jody's dream finally came true as a Licensed Aesthetician skin care professional. Jody is a single mother to three wonderful children, her pride and joy,



J's Serenity Spa, owned and operated by Ho-Chunk tribal member Jody Greendeer, is Located at 601 N. Superior Avenue Tomah, WI.

Meleejah-16, Alaughn-12 and Amara-10. "My children are my inspiration. They keep me motivated and have given me the ability to make my dreams come true!" said Jody.

Jody's grandparents were the late Orville Greendeer and Jean (Day) Greendeer. Her parents are Ron and Cindi (Greendeer) Wagner.

J's Serenity Spa will do

well with good support from the Tomah community and definitely will open the door for Ho-Chunks to step into a new field. Congrats Jody!

Ho-Chunk owned

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

So as long as our Hocak Worak Facebook profile has been active we have gotten some great story leads. This one sort of came to us through an inbox message. While placing in an advertisement in the Hocak Worak, 51 percent Share Owner Larinna Chandler and I got to talking and here is what lead to learning about her business Curt's Recycling.

Curtis Cusick and Larinna Chandler have been together for several years. Curt has been running the Recycling Business for 8 years, since he was 17 years old. Larinna has been a share holder for four years.

Larinna, a tribal member and former employee for the Nation and Ho-Chunk

Gaming Black River Falls, now works for herself and with her family. Curt, Larinna and one or all of their children Matthew, Gabriel and Asuka make the trip with their truck to a site, when they get the call.

Curt's Recycling removes appliances, autos, batteries, farm equipment, vacant & estate property clean up and has experience in trailer/mobile home removal.

Curt's Recycling is located in Hixton, WI. They definitely want the public to know they are not run of the mill "Scrapers". Scrapers are often thought of as just junkers who want to make a quick buck off of picking up metal only.

"Scraping has a negative connotation," Larinna said, "we are not about that. Our



Larinna and Curt and daughter Asuka on the job.

family is foremost. We own and operate a family business. We deal with families every day. Our children have grown up, knowing we help people. That is most important to us."

I went along with Curt's Recycling to the Indian Mission to see them in action, and these guys clean house. There was a tribal member who had a pile of metal, a stove, refrigerator, all sorts of copper and aluminum pipe and a few lawn mowers and a few snow blowers.

Curt and his employee, Cory, took on the pile and it was loaded in a matter of minutes. Often Curt repairs some of the lawn mowers and gives them away to families in need. Curt also does repair on people automobiles, usually charging gas, a small amount of cash and "something for the kids".

Back at Curt's HQ, the metal is sorted into various bins and cleaned. When a load is ready to go in it is taken to their designated drop off zone.

Curt's Recycling is having a December Promotion - \$125 cash minimum for your car. 25th car picked up, owner receives \$150 min, cash for their car AND a one night stay in the 2 room, King bed, fireplace, Jacuzzi suite at the AmericInn-Eau Claire. If that don't inspire you to have Curt's help get that yard cleaned before the snow stays, I just don't know what will.



A load weighing about 300 lbs for this job, removed and cleaned for a resident in the Indian Mission.

Hocak Hap 2011

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

As I thought I was running on good ol' fashioned Ndn time, I was mistaken; I was on Chahk-Ha-Chee time...right on time! We had signed in as number 16, 17, and 18. There were not many people there yet but as you signed in, you were given a ticket for door prize drawings and a blue Ho-Chunk Nation Bag with all your Bingo necessities. Someone's ticket scored a Jenga game along with a \$50 Gift Card. I was anxious for more drawings, since there was only about 20 Hocaks at the time for Hocak Hap.

Emcee, Leonard Walker, was already Livin on the Air as he made mention that this was only his second time being asked to emcee. He also made mention of asking permission from Buffalo Clan member Lance Long to take care of such events when asked.

As we awaited other Hocaks to show up, register, and get the Bingo Games started, Anne Thundercloud - HCN Public Relations Officer a.k.a. Rookie Bingo Caller, already started playing some games for prizes. The Host Drum, Thunder Bear, got the day going with songs for Musical Chairs, which was hysterical to watch and see some push and shove to get a chair. Parmenton Decorah used his ol' skool Disco moves to hip check everyone out of his way; it was a young Dennis Fumaker who conquered and claimed the Victory in Musical chairs, (way to go babel).

After musical chairs, it was time for the infamous Potato Dance. Contestants' place a potato between

their foreheads and as the drum begins to sing, the pair of dancers dance to the beat of the drum, trying to keep the potato only with their foreheads to avoid dropping them to the floor. Not everyone is a multi-tasker, and some act like they got two left feet, so it makes it pretty hilarious. Winners of a \$100 Gift Card for being the "Bestest Tater Dancers" in the history of Tater Dancing, (in Chahk-Ha-Chee anyways), went to 12 yr. old Eli and his Nani Rosalind Falcon.

After some games and door prizes, Parmenton Decorah prayed for the meal on Hocak Hap, and a delicious brunch was served. There was so much of everything to eat: eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, fruit, make your own subs; my only complaint was that no one brought any chaa or daxu. The meal was good and hit the spot. President Jon Greendeer was sitting at the drum and was asked to say a few words; Greendeer addressed the people and thanked them for coming, and then emcee Leonard Walker gave Thanks to the President for allowing Hocak Hap to be celebrated in the area.

Even though the Nation and the game of Bingo go way back, not everyone has the same affection for the game. It was Rookie Caller Anne Thundercloud's first time calling Bingo and she did a good job. No one tapped the table with their daubers when the same number was called, no one said "Slow Down or Hurry Up!" She did just right. I think the only time someone blurted out loud was when Anne called the N row of numbers when we were looking for two stamps anywhere on the card. They said, "You're not spozed to call those N ones!" After that, we were on to our next games, and then a local Hocak called (a false) Bingo. After much checking, "Denied!" was Anne's ruling on the game. Hocaks were full of belly



Area III Rep. Hope Smith with emcee Leonard Walker. Thunder Bear singers with President Jon Greendeer. Some enjoying musical chairs. And the Potato dancers: Barb Smith and her partner, and Patty Houghton and Cheryl Brinegar keeping that potato steady.

laughs as Anne did not know that it's called "an invalid bingo."

There were some cool prizes, Gift Cards, a Wii with games and accessories, a 36" LCD TV, Blu Ray players, a few DVD players, Crock Pots, Knife Sets, an Android Tablet, Snow Shoes, a Sled, an Umbrella, a Candle Set, a portable DVD player, a Pillow Set, and so much more that was given away in Door and Bingo Prizes just to name a few. It seemed like no one went home empty handed. Even the ones who did not win, had a good time and went home with a good bag of left-overs and groceries.

Playing the full card blackout session, for the last game, was when silence hit the halls of Chahk-Ha-Chee. All you could hear were daubers hitting the paper at Lucy Hindsley's table and a few chuckles, but it was serious business playing for that Grand Prize 32" LCD TV. Betty (Greengrass) White Bingo'd and won it; many were sad, but some of us still had hope. There was still one final drawing for a 42" HDTV which was

sure to go home with me, or to some Hocak, but in the end, as Anne titled her eyes away towards the kitchen, she pulled out one blue ticket. Leonard read the ticket slowly in suspense, and by the time he got to the last number, right at my very table two chairs over Helene Lincoln was the shocked and surprised ticket holder. I could've swore I seen her scrub her way on up to the Caller stand. I would've been dancing too.

Well that was the games for Hocak Hap, as many got their gift bags ready and packed up to go, Emcee Leonard Walker called on Thunder Bear for the Woki-Xete Song, and then a traveling song. All in all for such a small location it was just right. The President's office also made mention why Hocak Hap was held in Chahk-Ha-Chee. It came from feedback from the community and was then decided where it was going to be celebrated. Get ready Pač-Čii-Nāk, see ya next year for Hocak Hap.



Hocaks really concentrating on their Full Card.

Ho-Chunk Nation signs MOU with Jackson County

Submitted by Anne Thundercloud – HCN Public Relations Officer

Ho-Chunk Nation moved forward in its effort to safeguard the Nation's children in relation to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. On Nov. 14, Vice President Greg Blackdeer signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Jackson County Department of Health & Human Services during a special ceremony at the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services. The purpose of the MOU is to outline each agency's practices when working together for Ho-Chunk families.

"While both agencies have

specific laws to follow, we have come to an agreement regarding our interaction with one another specifically in the grey areas that are not guided by law," President Jon Greendeer said.

Stephanie Lozano, a tribal member and Indian Child Welfare Coordinator – Social Worker for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services, said the work began after Ho-Chunk Nation worked with the State of Wisconsin and witnessed former Governor Doyle sign into law Senate Bill 288, the Indian Child Welfare Codification bill in 2009. The Wisconsin state law protects the interests of Native children while ensuring they

have access to their tribe's cultural and traditional beliefs.

Lozano said the Ho-Chunk Nation began negotiations toward the MOU with Jackson County in November 2010. The Nation's next steps include setting up training and looking forward to a similar MOU signing with Clark County.

"Many thanks are in order," President Greendeer said, "a special thank you must go to Vice President Greg Blackdeer for his participation, as well as the staff at Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services.



Jackson Co. Department of Health and Human Services Director Todd Bowen and Vice President Greg Blackdeer sign the memorandum of understanding and celebrate after the signing of MOU.

Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. Detachment of the Marine Corp League holds 236th Marine Corps Ball

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On November 12, 2011, the Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. Detachment of the Marine Corps League held their first Marine Corps Ball. The Red Cloud Detachment was formed in 2011. William "Bill" Goodbear is the league's current Commandant.

The night began with a cocktail hour at 5-6 pm. The birthday ball ceremony began at 6 pm. All eyes were focused on the POW/MIA table, which is a single dinner setting prepared for comrades gone but not forgotten. A candle is lit, salt sprinkled on the plate in remembrance. The chaplain's prayer is offered.

Next, the cake escort, Goodbear, the guest of honor, Dan Kapanke, former Wisconsin State Legislature member, and the color guard enter the room. After the National Anthem, the color guard posts the colors, render a hand salute, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and exit.

Those in attendance then listen to a Message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps via recorded video message. After the Commandant's message, the Marine Corp Birthday Cake is paraded into the room as the Marine Corps Hymn (instrumental) is played. The Marine Corps Order #47, which was issued by Commandant of the Marine Corps, Major General John A. Lejeune on November 1, 1921, is read. The order reads as follows:



POW/MIA table.

MARINE CORPS ORDER

No. 47 (Series 1921)

HEADQUARTERS

U.S. MARINE

CORPS Washington, November 1, 1921

The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine". In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

The record of our corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the corps. With it we have also



Bill Goodbear, Don Lipsey, Dan Kapanke, Marcus Carriaga standby for the Cake Cutting Ceremony.

received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General
Commandant

As the saying goes, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine"; so Marines are following orders by celebrating the Marine Corps birthday.

The Cake Cutting Ceremony is a large part of the celebration. The cake is cut by the cake escort using the Mameluke Sword. The sword was earned by and presented to 1st Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon for actions at the Battle of Tripoli during the First Barbary War. Three pieces of cake are given to the guest of honor, the oldest and youngest Marines. The



Color Guard at 236th Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Club 95 in Hixton, WI.

oldest Marine present was Don Lipsey, and the youngest Marine was Marcus Carriaga.

Dan Kapanke, the guest of honor, is a Marine. A year ago, Kapanke was elected and later recalled from the Wisconsin State Legislature from the La Crosse area. Kapanke said, "I'm a Marine, my son is a Marine, and my grandson is going to be a Marine (as he recently enlisted)." Kapanke also spoke about the overwhelming large percentage of Native Americans, and more specifically Ho-Chunk, who served in the Marine Corps.

After Kapanke's speech, they colors were retreated and

the meal was served.

Dinner, dancing, and drawings completed the night's events. Dinner was a buffet style meal. The big drawing of the night was a selection of cash prizes, with the top prize a \$500.00 drawing. There was also a variety of Marine Corps memorabilia offered in a silent auction. Before the dancing began, Lance Rave, in full dress blues, proposed to his girlfriend, Michelle Greendeer. Greendeer accepted by saying, "Yes, Devil Dog!" After the proposal, Commandant Bill Goodbear said, "that's a first for Detachment's Marine Corps Ball."

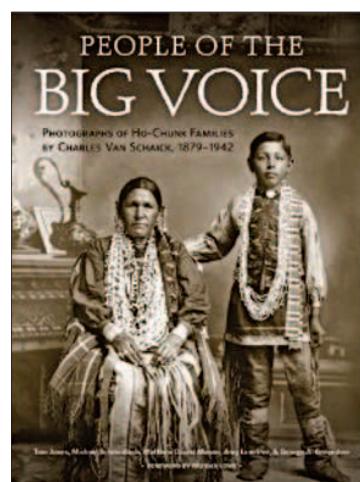
A USA "Best Books 2011" award winner

Submitted by
Melanie Roth, Marketing Coordinator
Wisconsin Historical Society Press

The Wisconsin Historical Society Press is proud to announce a national award won by the new Fall 2011 book "People of the Big Voice: Photographs of Ho-Chunk Families by Charles Van Schaick, 1879-1942". The book received the USA "Best Books 2011" Award in the category of Photography: People for its portrayal of relationships and resilience in the Ho-Chunk community at the turn of the twentieth century through more than 300 beautifully detailed duotone photographs. The book was also a finalist in the Best

Interior Design category. Wisconsin Historical Society Press books were finalists in six additional categories.

The USA "Best Books" Awards are in their ninth year and receive thousands of entries from publishers like Simon & Schuster, St. Martin's Press, Random House, Penguin, Harper Collins, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, McGraw-Hill, John Wiley & Sons along with hundreds of independent houses. These awards are sponsored by USABookNews.com, an online publication providing coverage for books from mainstream and independent publishers to the world online community.





Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells

Iraqi Freedom & Operation: Enduring Freedom War Veteran Matthew Carriaga was the Keynote Speaker at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Veterans Day Ceremony 2011. Sanford WhiteEagle American Legion Post 556's Post Commander Tim Hanson Welcomes Mark Lesko and presented Mark with a Pendleton. Members of the Sanford WhiteEagle American Legion Post 556 Presenting Arms during the Playing of Taps. The Flags at Half Staff at Ho-Chunk Gaming's Flag Island. Wisconsin Dells singers sang for the Flag Raising ceremony.



Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls

Members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 and auxiliary members helped raise flags at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls on November 11, 2011. Little Thunder was asked to render the songs, followed by playing of the taps by Ho-Chunk tribal member, Perry Carrimon.



Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa

On November 11, 2011, at 11am, the Lake Delton Singers were introduced by Master of Ceremony, Adam Estes, to sing a Welcome Song for the Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony. After Chaplain Gary Fischer said a few words to those in attendance, members of the Joseph White Legion Post 442 raised the flags as the flag song and four service songs were rendered by the Lake Delton Singers. Although it was a brisk, chilly day, keynote speaker Rock Larson, Wood County Veteran's Service Officer said, "Veterans are a lot more. Several have served as elected officials and gladly speak out to our youth. Veterans of our community continue to serve and we need to thank them too. Please remember our veterans, they serve to protect us, and the things we take for granted." A 21 gun salute was also rendered along with playing of the taps.

Black River JOM IEC Flag Raising

Submitted by Fawn Stumblebear and Bethany Redbird - parents

On November 23, 2011, Bear Claw Jr. and the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 participated in the Flag raising ceremony at Forrest Street Early Learning Center; in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Commander Donald Greengrass from the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 also gave a brief history of the Ho-Chunk flag to Gebhardt Elementary's 4th and 5th grades.

The BRF JOM IEC collaborated with the BRF School District to incorporate this as part of their Cultural Infusion program.



Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 members (Jeff Harrison, Ray Lopez, Matthew Carriaga, Caralee Murphy, Leonard Kluge, and auxiliary members).



Bear Claw, Jr and Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 participate in the Flag raising ceremony at Forrest Street Early Learning Center on November 23, 2011. This was in honor of Native American Heritage Month.



What's News In Ho-Chunk Business

A message from Carole L. Lastrup Executive Director of Business

Haup te pi from the office of the Executive Director of Business. The Department of Business will submit a quarterly newsletter starting with this edition of the Hocak Worak.

I began my job on October 11th and in that time I have been learning and meeting all my office staff. I am very pleased with the caliber of work ethic that I have observed so I expect that much will be accomplished in the months ahead.

Although there are many projects moving forward that were begun by the last administration, I will be focusing initially on reinvigorating all the Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities so that our revenues can be maximized in all our communities, with emphasis on respectful treatment of all HCG ambassadors and displaying excellent customer service to our guests.

With that in mind, there have been some changes made already at our gaming facilities:

- **HCG Black River Falls/ Tomah** – Greg Garvin is the Executive Manager. He recently posted and filled his Marketing Director position with Robert Reider, formerly Retail Development Manager in the Department of Business.

- **HCG Nekoosa/Wittenberg**

– James T. Webster is the Executive Manager. With his expertise in Marketing, it was felt that his talent would be excellent for leading both teams, especially marketing for the Wittenberg area.

- **HCG Wisconsin Dells –**

Casey Fitzpatrick is the Executive Manager. Casey brings an enthusiasm and team-building talent to this facility. Jones Funmaker transferred to HCG Madison as the Table Games Operation Manager, where he has an opportunity to gain more leadership skills and also with the intention of expanding that facility, there is an opportunity for Jones to build that market.

- **HCG Madison –**

Dan Brown is the Executive Manager. With his excellent background, he has an opportunity to grow with that market as we look forward to expanding that operation. Dave Abangan continues in his role as Marketing Direc-



Carole L. Lastrup

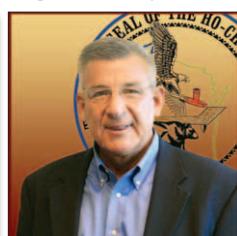
tor for the Madison market while also utilizing his dual position as Senior Marketing Manager to help with direction for all of the gaming facilities. As mentioned above, Jones Funmaker is the Table Games Operation Manager @ Madison and we expect that he will "grow" that portion of the business.

We will continue to evaluate and make changes to enhance our Nation and our businesses for the betterment of all tribal members!

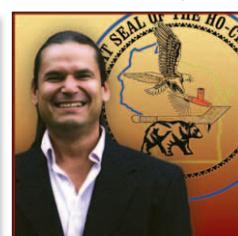
Not pictured:
Casey Fitzpatrick



Greg Garvin



Jim Webster



Dan Brown

Division of Business Development

The Department of Business, Treasury, and Justice conducted interviews for a financial advisory firm and will be recommending two firms at a special finance committee meeting later this month. The firm will assist the Nation in establishing financing designed to meet the specific needs of each expansion project and other capital

improvements.

A request for proposal for a firm to conduct due diligence on business proposals submitted to the department has gone out with the deadline of November 23, 2011 for response. Once a firm is selected the terms of the contract will be negotiated; the department expects to have the contract in place toward

the end of December. This contract will provide for a third party assessment of business proposals that regularly are referred to the Business Department for review and recommendations.

\$270,000 was allocated from the State compact payment to the public works project, Wazee sewage treatment plant upgrade to complete de-

sign work and preliminary site work. The upgrade is necessary in order to make expansions at HCG – Black River Falls and the other proposed projects, like, community center and new housing.

The Department is in the process of assisting with the updating and remodeling the front desk of HCG - Wisconsin Dells Hotel.

The department is in preliminary discussions with the Wisconsin Cranberry Cooperative to develop a drying facility to make dried cranberries similar to Ocean Spray's craisins; which would be shipped internationally.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Marquee Project:

A recent management project coordinated by Angie Waage, Project Manager is complementing the rebranding and installation of new marquees at all the Ho-Chunk Gaming properties.

The collaborative efforts of the Marketing Directors

and Management working together to accomplish the task of creating a spectacular new image that portrays to our customers our desire to deliver the best possible service and offering of fun entertainment.

The company chosen

through a 3-bid process and utilizing capital funds allocated by the Ho-Chunk Legislature through resolution of carry-over funds the Department of Business selected Poblocki Sign Company from Milwaukee, WI. Poblocki Sign Company worked closely with our Marketing Directors to deliver exceptional top-of-the-line brand awareness for all our gaming sites to unify the gaming operations and create an identity that can adapt to growth. Priority was given to reuse existing foundations, masonry and various support structures and using top quality manufacturing techniques.

Poblocki Sign Company was able to furnish the Department of Business staff with an on-site tour of their corporate headquarters and fabrication plant providing staff with firsthand knowledge of the materials, the latest lighting technologies and custom manufacturing techniques. Installation began



The recent demolition of the old marquee at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells.



The new marquee at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Black River Falls

early in November at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells and will be completed by December 31st finish-

ing up at Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah where a 70 foot pylon sign is to be installed.

Current projects and news

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells- RV Park Project:

The RV Park Project started June 3, 2011; construction consists of 49 sites with a 1,800 square foot accessory building. Grand Opening took place on October 1, 2011. Several sites will be open year round. Touch ups will be completed in the spring. BIA Roads assisted with paving of roads in the RV Park area. Project is within budget.



The Lane at the Ho-Chunk RV Park, once again before the project was completed, it is now paved and the landscaping is completed



The Comfort Station just before the project was completed. The Comfort Station Hosts, laundry, vending machines, and showers.

Project Management:

The Department of Business currently has three Project Managers; Angie Waage, Phyllis Smoke and Cynthia De Florian. They are responsible for accomplishing assigned project objectives and managing the cost, time and quality of each project. The goal of Project Management is striving to maintain the progress and mutual interaction and tasks of various parties in a way

that reduces the overall risk of failure, maximizes benefits and restricts the costs of project overruns.

A new employee of the Department of Business as of March 2011, Phyllis Smoke - Project Manager has had the opportunity to work with a great management team at Ho-Chunk Gaming –Wisconsin Dells. A few of the projects are listed below; these projects also included the in-

volvement of the Ho-Chunk Nation's resources. The projects worked in conjunction with: Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Justice, BIA Roads Division, Environmental Health, and HCN-DNR. These resources helped to make these projects successful. The 3-bid process is followed and capital funds are utilized as appropriated by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.



The Play Area, a kid's dream, brand new play equipment.

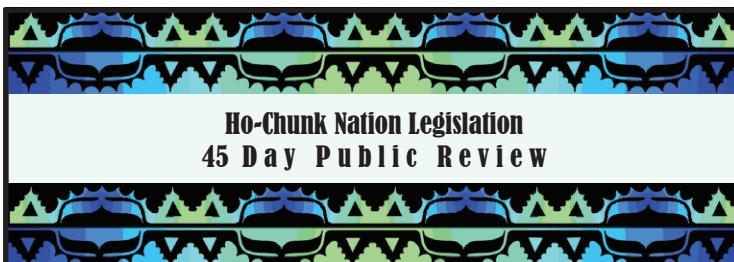
Ho-Chunk Casino Parking Lot Lighting Upgrade Project:

Project started October 26, 2011. Current status: Bases have been replaced, north east base near north Reedsburg Rd., and the semi parking area. Phase I of the project will be done, we are hoping

by the end of this year. Poles are expected to arrive November 23, 2011. Due to inclement weather, this project will stop in December 2011 and be completed in spring 2012.

Next Department of Business quarterly newsletter will be in March's 2012 Hocak Worak.





REVIEW END DATE: December 19, 2011

Weapons Code - Draft code posted per Resolution 10/18/11A.

Per Res. 10-18-11 A - post for 45 day Public Review

Deadline date: 12-19-11

WEAPONS CODE
HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC)
TITLE ____ -
SECTION ____ -

1. Authority

- a. Article V, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Constitution") grants the Legislature the power to make laws, including codes, acts, resolutions, and statutes.
- b. Article V, Section 2(h) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact all laws prohibiting and regulating conduct, and imposing penalties upon all persons within the jurisdiction of the Nation.
- c. Article V, Section 2(l) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to manage, permit, or otherwise deal with the Nation's lands, interests in lands or other assets.
- d. Article V, Section 2(o) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to regulate and zone any lands within the jurisdiction of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- e. Article V, Section 2(t) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws governing law enforcement on lands within the jurisdiction of the Nation.
- f. Article V, Section 2(u) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to regulate domestic relations of persons within the jurisdiction of the Nation.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this Code is to regulate the use and possession of weapons at all the gaming or non-gaming facilities owned and/or operated by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

3. Definitions. For the purposes of this Code, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. "Facility" includes any gaming or non-gaming business or governmental entity and its parking lot, owned or leased by the Ho-Chunk Nation. This definition does not include properties primarily used for residential living.
- b. "Weapon" includes an air gun; any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm; any ligature or other instrumentality used on the throat, neck, nose, or mouth of another person to impede, partially or completely, breathing or circulation of blood; any electric weapon; a billy club; or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

4. General Weapons Policy. No person, including the Nation's Security Department personnel, will possess or be permitted to possess any weapon, whether concealed or in plain view, within or on any of Ho-Chunk Nation gaming or non-gaming facilities.

5. Exceptions.

- a. **Gaming Facilities.** Section four (4) of this Code, will not apply to law enforcement officers, including the Ho-Chunk Nation officers, who are acting in an official capacity and have jurisdiction; or to an armored car representative employed by the Nation for the transfer of funds to or from financial institutions or upon notice or special permit set by the Gaming Commission for specific purposes or events, as set out in the GAMING ORDINANCE. See 5 HCC § 1.23.

- b. **Non-Gaming Facilities.** Section four (4) of this Code, will not apply to law enforcement officers, including Ho-Chunk Nation officers, who are acting in an official capacity and have jurisdiction; or to an armored car representative employed by the Nation for the transfer of funds to or from financial institutions, or upon notice or special permit set by the Director of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources.

- c. **Additional Exceptions.** Off-duty police officers, hunters, and conceal carry permit holders, will be allowed to store their weapons within their personal vehicles at any of the Nation's gaming or non-gaming parking lots. This exception will apply to gaming and non-gaming parking lots only and does not allow off-duty police officers, hunters, and conceal carry permit holders to bring any weapon within the gaming or non-gaming building located on the property.

- i. Hunters are only allowed to store firearms and other weapons, in the Nation's parking lots, if the firearm or weapon is the appropriate weapon for the current hunting season and they have the appropriate hunting license.

- ii. Any individual allowed to store a weapon, under this provision, must have the weapon unloaded and fully encased.

- 5. **Notice.** Each facility shall post clearly visible signs that inform all persons entering the Nation's gaming and non-gaming facilities that weapons are not allowed on the premises, in accordance with X HCC § X.4. These signs shall be posted at all entrances of the buildings and parking lots.

6. Enforcement and Penalty.

- a. Any violations of this Code may be subject to court action brought by the Attorney General in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

- i. The Attorney General may request that the persons in violation of this Act be temporarily or permanently banned from the Nation's facilities, or any other appropriate remedy.

- b. Persons cited under this Code shall be subject to a monetary forfeiture of not less than \$100.00, and no more than \$500.00. Persons cited under this Code shall have the right to contest the citation within the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

Legislative History:

10/18/11 HCN Legislature adopts Resolution 10-18-11 A to place Weapons Code out for 45 Day Public Comment (posted 11-4-11; end date is 12-19-11).

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature encourages all Tribal Members to provide comments on any and all Codes that have been placed out for public comment. To accomplish this please contact your District Representatives or Melanie Stacy, Paralegal at:

- (1) Email at Melanie.Stacy@ho-chunk.com;
- (2) Telephone at (800) 294-9343 - (715) 284-9343, ext. 1342
- (3) Regular mail at: Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature; ATTN: 45 Day Review, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Cynthia Yellowcloud, Plaintiff(s), v. Stacee Sky, Defendant(s).

Case : CV 11-73

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): **Stacee Sky**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can result in a default judgment being entered against you*. *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI. & Eau Claire County, Petitioner, v. Adam Greendeer, Respondent.

Case : CS 11-61

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: **Adam Greendeer**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

La Crosse County, Petitioner, v. Shelby Wesho, Respondent.

Case : CS 11-62

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: **Shelby Wesho**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

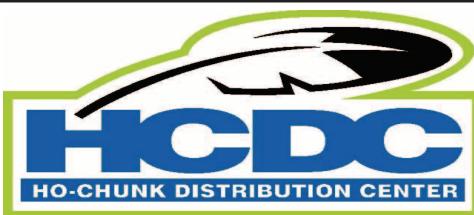
State of WI. & Carole Roberts, Petitioner, v. Crystal Zeimet, Respondent.

Case : CS 11-60

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: **Crystal Zeimet**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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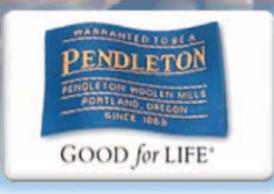
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Legal Notice

If you are a
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The claims-filing period is about to end.

To receive a payment
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Ho-Chunk Waazija Haci Language Division

N4845 Hwy. 58

Mauson, WI 53948

Fax: 608-847-7203



ANA Project Update

The Ho-Chunk elders and Ho-Chunk tribal members were very responsive to our appeal for support of our ANA project. Remember our language project is to create a language based curricula for students from kindergarten to fifth grade. The project revolves around Ho-Chunk life during the four seasons-yesterday and today. We will be having sessions with elders from time to time. Our first session will be held on December 1st, 2011. We will be sending notice for our first group of elders. At a later date we will have sessions for other elders. We are asking for elders thoughts on what we should be teaching this age group, as well as the community members. We will also show the elders the newest technology on teaching everyone language with a Nintendo type of device. Other technology will be explained to everyone. It is really exciting that the way of teaching language is changing. We really appreciate every one's interest, thank you all tribal members.



FREE Training!

Baraboo-House of Wellness

• **Wednesday, November 23**
11am-12pm Keeping a job
& 1pm-3pm Customer Service/Telephone Skills

• **Wednesday, December 14**
9am-3pm Telephone Dr.

Everyone Welcome

TERO is conducting training classes! Topics covered include emphasizing skills you need or may want to touch up on to enhance and improve your employability. Customer Service skills and Interviewing techniques. Additional classes will be held in Nekoosa, Wittenburg and Black River Falls Areas.



Please Note: We have held 4 training classes already. If you missed any of them, they will be offered again so watch the Worak for updates.

Please contact a TERO Case Manager for more information: Audrey Littlewolf ext. 1138
Audrey.Littlewolf@ho-chunknation.com OR Sage Funmaker ext 1136 Sage.Funmaker@ho-chunknation.com

Ph. 715-284-5877 800-294-9343 Fax 715-284-1520



Free Ethics CLE SPECIAL DUTIES

December 16, 2011

HCN Courthouse; Black River Falls, WI
8:30 – 12:30

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome & Opening Remarks

8:45 – 9:35 (Ethics CLE/1 credit)*

- Duties of Prosecutors
Presenter: Staff Attorney Zachary H. Atherton-Ely

9:40 – 10:30 (Ethics CLE/1 credit)

- Communication with Unrepresented Parties
Presenter: Staff Attorney John W. Kellis

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:35 (Ethics CLE/1 credit)

- Responsibilities of Supervisory and Subordinate Lawyers
Presenter: Interim Chief Judge Amanda L. Rockman

11:40 – 12:30 (Ethics CLE/1 credit)

- Roundtable Discussion: Obligations to Improve the Legal System
Presenters: Interim Chief Judge Amanda L. Rockman, Staff Attorney John W. Kellis and Staff Attorney Zachary H. Atherton-Ely

*all CLE credits are applied for



NOTICE OF TITLE VII PUBLIC HEARING TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tomah Area School District will hold two public hearings during one meeting time scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at the Housing Department conference room in the V.A. Building #23. The Title VII meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m.

The first part of the meeting will allow parents of Native American children the opportunity to provide input concerning Public Law 81-874. The second part of the meeting will inform parents of the needs assessment process for the district's 2012-2013 Title VII Application of the Indian Education Act. In addition, parents will participate in a discussion of the application's provisions and be allowed to provide suggestions regarding the application.

Priscilla Cleveland
Title VII Indian Coordinator-Teacher
Tomah Area School District

The Ho-Chunk Insurance Review Commission (HIRC) is seeking a Commissioner

All Commissioners are approved by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. The Commission shall meet not less than 4 times per year. A background in Health related field is a plus but, not necessary. The Commission shall hear appeals on Ho-Chunk Nation's employee benefit insurance plan(s) decisions relation to employment. The Commission shall review and render a final decision on all insurance claims.

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to:
Tia Chick, Benefits Specialist Insurance Division
P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI. 54615
1-800-232-0086 ext. 1094

Notice of Availability for Review Draft Forest Management Plan and Environmental Assessment for the HCN

The 2011 Draft Forest Management Plan for the Ho-Chunk Nation is now available for public review from 25 November 2011 through 26 December 2011. An Environmental Assessment has also been prepared to identify and evaluate potential effects of the implementation of this Forest Management Plan. These documents can be reviewed at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. You may send your comments to the following individual via mail, fax, or email not later than 26 December 2011.

Nathan Goodwin
Environmental Express Services, Inc.
5944 FM 1863, Bulverde, Texas 78163
Telephone: (830) 980-1830
FAX: (830) 980-1831
Email: ngoodwin@envexpress.com

Board Vacancy Announcement

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency
(Formerly Housing Authority)

Located at: 1116 & 1102 Monowau Street, Tomah, WI 54660
The Housing and Community Development Agency Board

vacancy for:

**1 - Commissioner from District II
Lacrosse, Madison, Baraboo, & Tomah**

Term of Office: 4 years (presently to finish out term until April 2012)

Regular meeting: Third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise specified

A Board member is nominated by the District they represent and confirmed by the Legislature.

Qualifications:

- Possess housing and community development experience
- Expertise to carry out the duties of a Commissioner
- Ability to contribute to the Agency to achieve the goals established by the Agency's Charter
- Possess the abilities to carry out duties as Commissioner if confirmed

Restrictions:

- Board Member(s) shall not be an immediate relative, as defined in the Nation's employment law, of a Legislator, the President, or appointed staff of the President
- Board Member(s) may not participate or be counted in matters of personal interest
- Shall not be a member of more than two (2) departments Board of Directors

Eligibility:

No person shall be barred from serving on the Board because s/he is a tenant of housing the Agency.

A Commissioner may be a member or non-member of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Contact Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency at (608) 374-1245

If you are interested in serving as a Commissioner contact your District Representative!

Waunakee Warriors Win 3rd Straight State Football Title



The Waunakee Warriors became just the sixth program in state history to win three consecutive state football titles with its 45-0 win over Waterford in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 2 state football title on Friday, November 18th. The win also extended their current winning streak to 36 games.

Ho-Chunk Nation was represented by junior starting defensive end #15 Will Decorah and father Tim Decorah who is on the coaching staff for the Warriors. Will made his mark with several nice defensive plays but his biggest play may have come on the offensive side of the ball as he handed the ball off to running back Leo Musso on a fake punt. Musso sprinted 41 yards down the sideline to extend the Warriors' lead to 31-0 late in the third quarter.

Will Decorah will get another opportunity next year at a fourth consecutive state title. In addition to his play on the defensive side of the ball, Will was also the back-up quarterback for the past two years and will most likely step into that starting offensive job next season. Go Warriors!

Newly elected Andrew Blackhawk Post 129 Ladies Auxiliary



(L-R) District President: Diane Weggin, President: Judith Ann Thundercloud, Vice-President: Vanessa Carriga, Treasurer: Gale White, Historian: Maxine Kolner and Sharon Harrison, Sgt at Arms: Ernestine Helgeson, Carla Kingswan, Luz Carriga (Junior Member).



Bryson Keahna Funmaker December 2nd

Happy 10th Birthday Macoziga!!

You continue to make your family proud in all you do and accomplish.

Hope you have a wonderful birthday...

Love: Dad, Mom, Heyna & Haga



SURPRISE

Happy Birthday

Mitchell!

11-28-78

We Love You!



Shanna, we are so proud of you for your courage and determination.

Love, Mom, Dad and the Blackdeer "Fam"

New Mexico Senior Olympics



This was a very intense 3 on 3 basketball tournament yet it was an enjoyable experience. I would like to thank the members of the Senior Olympics sponsors and organizers for putting this on. As for me I was invited down to play on "The Pecuris Pueblo" three man team fifty years or older. On this team Richard Snake was the oldest, Johnny Pete, a Navajo from Window Rock area, Terrence Snake, Ho-Chunk Nation member from District 5, New Mexico and Sterling Littlegeorge our nephew, formerly from Winnebago, Nebraska now residing in Utah. This was the basketball team I was honored to be on. It was intense as a game but the visitation from other teams was a very good talk, this team was the only one that all members were tribal members and we did our best to keep the tribes in good light to everyone.

The Pecuris Pueblo own the Hotel Santa Fe in Santa Fe, I would like to say "Thank you" to the Governor of the Pecuris Pueblo at this time. They sponsored our team in the tournament and we were given rooms at the Hotel Santa Fe for the weekend.

I would like to say we were treated honorable and we had the Elders and Senior citizens of Pecuris Pueblo come watch us play along with the Governor and his wife who was celebrating her birthday. We had pictures taken with the Governor in mid court and this is some of the pictures I will hold honorably in my memoirs of this weekend.

This isn't about a team of basketball players it's about elders from all walks of life that have the will to be active in their older years, to deal with all illnesses and injuries that were seen in their family and friends and to keep these illnesses at bay.

I smiled when I watched other teams playing their games, not to be seeing them playing as elders and senior members, but I smiled because they were having a good time and doing good for their own health and physical fitness this is the way they have wished to live their lives.

It was a good day to visit and play the games, to take time off the daily grind, to enjoy others around them from other areas. I wish to keep this program going on for myself, to stay fit and active in my older years as long as the Creator keeps me happy and physically able to do these tournaments.

*Richard Snake
Ho-Chunk Nation Senior Citizen, District 1*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Marlene Morningstar

Marlene will be 9 on December 17th.

We are so Thankful that Mauna has Blessed us with you.

Every day you amaze us,
God Bless you in all you do.

Love, Dad and Mom



Cho Nee Mani
"Walks First"

Wainiginapsana to all of our precious relatives and friends who extended their heartfelt sympathy through word, thought, deed and presence.

Your sincere prayers, songs and expressions of support and encouragement remains to be our pillar of spiritual strength in our time of mourning.

Thank you, Cusge Lance and your helpers Travis, Stewart and Cory for taking care of our loved one and leading us in prayer.

May Mauna bless Siga Thunder and her sisters for all the hard work they put into the delicious meals they prepared.

We are forever grateful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for their understanding and assistance in every aspect that was within their means.

*Gerald and Iris Cleveland,
their children and grandchildren.*

Eddie Larrea fights Kevin Burns

in Thanksgiving Throwdown Main Event

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

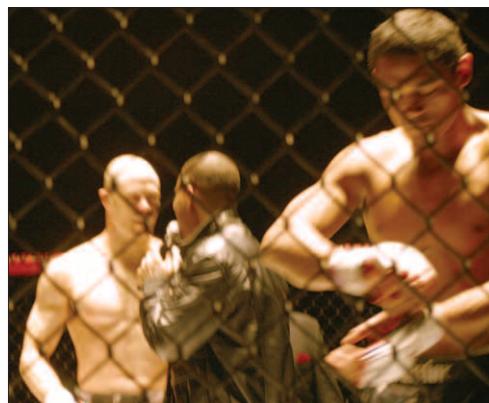
Eddie Larrea, a mixed martial arts fighter and Ho-Chunk tribal member, was featured in the main event at the Midwest Cage Championship 37: Thanksgiving Throwdown in Des Moines, Iowa on November 23, 2011. Midwest Cage Championship is a MMA promotion company in Iowa, and one of the largest in the Midwest region. Larrea took the fight with only a two week notice, after Kevin "the Fire" Burns' original opponent, Jay Woods, was injured in his training camp. Larrea said, "MCC is one of the main recruiting grounds for the UFC" and he made mention that MMA promotion companies commonly call him with short notice fights.

Once Larrea accepted the fight, he began training with Eddie Anderson of East Troy Mixed Martial Arts in East Troy, Wisconsin (near Milwaukee). I caught up with Eddie at his training camp during his last day of training prior to his departure for Des Moines. Larrea greeted me and invited me to grab a bite to eat. He said, "I have to lose nine pounds by Tuesday," leaving less than one day to shed those pounds. Fighters weigh in the day before their fight and rehydrate and eat after weigh in. Larrea was scheduled to fight at 170 pounds. So as we drove to the Grist Mill restaurant; Eddie pulls out a large supply of supplements and begins explaining what he takes and why. He consulted a nutritionist and GNC staff to find what works.

When asked how his mixed martial arts career began, he said in 2003, he participated in the Toughman contest in La Crosse and went with Philip Hemlich and John Stacy and has been going strong ever since. In 2005, Larrea competed at the Ringside World Championship in Kansas City.



Thanksgiving Throwdown main event fighters: Kevin Burns and Eddie Larrea at HyVee Hall in Des Moines, Iowa.



Kevin Burns does an interview while Eddie Larrea takes off his glove after losing via a rear naked choke.

In 2006, he began working with Ken Mitch and fighting in the Konquer the Cage. Larrea's amateur record is flawless and demonstrates his powerful striking ability. In 2006, he began training in jiu jitsu at Next Level MMA and fighting in the Cage Conflict Championship. Larrea holds championship belts in both Konquer the Cage and Cage Conflict Championship. Throughout his career, Eddie has fought top caliber fighters who fought in the UFC (Brock Larson, Paul Bradley, Chad Reiner) and Strikeforce (Chad Vance). Larrea knocked out Chad Vance in seventeen seconds at the Iowa Challenge and remembers, "The fight was in his home town when I knocked him out, the crowd starting booing."

After a brief lunch, we made our way back to the gym. Warms ups consisted of some strikes and kicks. Between breaks, Larrea would breathe through a blue straw. He explained, "The straw will help me control my breathing." Eddie Anderson has begun working with a couple guys, Carlos Trujillo and Raul Corona, serving as Larrea's sparring partners. During Larrea's two weeks of intensive training, Anderson allowed Larrea to sleep in the on gym mats in a side general purpose room.

Next, the sparring began. One form Larrea has trained in is Jiu jitsu; a grappling sport fought on the ground, where joint locks and chokes are used to defeat the opponent. After some sparring, they did crunches and moved on to some "drag and carry" exercise by dragging one of the guys the length of the gym and then carry them back to the starting point.

After the light workout, I asked Larrea a few questions about his fight. He said, "They (promotion companies) send me out there like a sacrificial lamb (in cases like this). Burns is a UFC veteran and he wants

to get back there. He doesn't know the power of my striking." Anderson said, "Eddie is doing a great job with his training. He's taking this fight on short notice. He's putting in a lot of time and a lot of work. I'm looking forward to a great fight and a lot of changes in his training; hopefully we'll see that in the cage on Wednesday night."

In a Midwest Cage Championship interview, Larrea was quoted saying, "I'm excited. I'm banging this guy." The interview described the fight as a classic "submission versus striker" match up. Burns, a former UFC



Top: Ken Mitch, Deana Mitch, Eddie Larrea, Simon Snowball, Niles Rave, and Justin Meador.

Lower: Eddie Larrea and Eddie Anderson sparring.

fighter, said he wanted to take "the clearest road to victory, because Ws (wins) keep you in the UFC." Burns said, "Larrea is an extremely game opponent who had fought a lot of tough fights. As the fight goes on, he'll (Larrea) get caught on the ground and I'll choke him out." The Midwest Cage Championship interviewer said, "Larrea has fought the who's who and this fight will be a big launch pad for the winner."

Wednesday afternoon, I drove the five hours to Des Moines, Iowa to watch Eddie's fight. I met up with him prior to his fight and we headed behind the scenes where the fights prepare to enter the ring.

The fighter next to Eddie's spot was Jon Youngbear of the Standing Rock Sioux and a Des Moines resident. Youngbear said, "I began fighting when I was 18 or 19 years old, so I've been doing it a couple years. I'm not too serious with it, but I'm serious now. I got an 11-3 record not being serious, so I think I can do a lot of damage." Youngbear, who served in the Army, said he just got back from Afghanistan four months ago. He previously did a tour in Iraq. Youngbear fought Bryan Alden at 205. He won with a technical knockout of Alden at the beginning of the second round.

In Eddie's corner are Ken Mitch and Simon Snowball. Others that came to support Larrea were Niles Rave, Deana Mitch, and a member of Team Larrea. I asked Ken about his coaching style. He said, "Eddie trains a certain way. I let him do the things he trained to do. If I do see something, I can relay that to him in between rounds." I asked if he yelled any instructions while the fight was going on. Eddie said, "I can hear his voice. I can pick it out of a crowd."

As the time for the fight grew closer, Simon talked to Eddie about getting ready to fight. He gave him scenarios and an outlook. Simon said, "I've been to most of Eddie's fights. It's good to just be here with him to show support." Eddie said, "This is the easy part. I did all the hard work already. This is the easy part."

It was sometime after 10:30 pm when Eddie said, "It's time. Let's go." We made our way to the walkway to the ring and waited. The fight prior to Eddie's fight went the distance; five rounds, five minutes each. As

Eddie entering into the loud crowd, his cage song was from KRS-One. Ken, Simon, and I followed Eddie to the stairs up into the cage, where they inspected him and applied petroleum jelly to his face. Larrea was now in the ring. Kevin Burns makes his way to the ring. Once inside the ring, the two shake hands and go to their corner. The referee starts the fight. Eddie comes out swinging. Burns returns with some punches. Larrea gets off a couple kicks, one gets blocked and one lands to Burns body. Burns rushes Larrea and takes him to the mat. Burns has a full guard position and lands some punches to Larrea's body. Eddie rolls out and gets to his knees. Burns quickly gets on Larrea's back to gain back control. Larrea works his way to his feet. Still with back control, Burns jumps forward. He and Larrea both roll forward and land on the mat. Burns still has back control and appears to be setting up a rear naked choke. Larrea throws some punches over his shoulder, preventing Burns from applying a choke. Burns rolls over and has Larrea face down with back control. Burns positions his arm thoroughly around Larrea's neck with all his force and weight on Larrea. Larrea submits at 1:09 in the first round via rear naked choke.

Post fight, Eddie returns to the fighter area and said, "It's going to take more than that to make me quit." Eddie continued, "He was pretty fast." In a post fight interview with Burns, he said, "He is a good, respectful opponent. Going into it, he was an extremely game opponent. He had fought a lot of tough dudes, and he had a lot of weapons. I wanted to stick to my game plan; my game plan from the beginning was to take him down and use my jiu jitsu. I was able to get in, get to the ground, and get the finish."

Larrea's record is now 14-16-0, according to www.sherdog.com, while Burns improves to 10-5-0. Larrea says, "Hopefully what I'm doing is inspiring to the Ho-Chunk youth. They can see the life I'm living and still be a productive member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. I'm still doing my part, still contributing, and still making a name for us. Everyone working out, keep working toward your goals and you guys will make it soon enough."